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Islands, Castles & Portable Operations.
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17/01/2008: Andrea, IK1PMR (VK7AAP) and Claudia, IZ1GLO/K2LEO (VK7CLA) are touring Australia and New Zealand through January. Andrea says that their tentative schedule is as follows: January 17-20 as VK7AAP/3 and VK7CLA/3 from Australia (OC-001, WLOTA LH-1520); January 21-31 as VK7AAP and VK7CLA from Tasmania (OC-006, WLOTA LH-0068); and February 1-?? as VK7AAP/3 and VK7CLA/3 from Australia (OC-001, WLOTA LH-1520). QSL all calls via IK1PMR (QRZ.com). [425 DX News]

18/01/2008: Chae, HL5YI will be active as HL5YI/4 from Sorok Island [Sorok To] (AS-060, WLOTA LH-1252), January 18-21st. He plans to operate CW, RTTY and SSB on 80, 40, 20 and 10 metres, and to participate in the UK DX RTTY Contest (January 19-20th). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

18/01/2008: Unni, LA6RHA plans to be QRV from Svalbard [Spitsbergen Island] (EU-026, WLOTA LH-0125) using the call sign JW6RHA between January 18th and 24th. She will try to be on 14.248 MHz or down. This will be Unni's 16th time on JW-land. QSL is via LA6RHA. [NG3K]

19/01/2008: Look for Fran?ois/F5JNE, and Gerard/F6ICG to be active January 19th as F5JNE/p from the Castle of Nozet (DFCF 58-088), in the City of Pouilly sur Loire (CP 58150) and Canton of Pouilly sur Loire (DDCF 58-18), Department of Ni?vre/58 and Province Burgundy. As usual starting around 0700 UTC 80 then 40m, CW and SSB. QSL bureau preferred and SWL cards welcome. [F5NQL]

19/01/2008: Herve, F5RMY will be active as F5RMY/P from Porquerolles Island (EU-070, DIFM ME-010 for the French Islands Award, MIA MF-021, WLOTA LH-1107), January 19-25th. He plans to operate CW and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

19/01/2008: Dave, G10CN (VP8CLE) and Carol, 2E1DQZ (VP8DKW) will be active from different locations in the Falkland Islands (SA-002) between January 19th and February 2nd. They plan to operate SSB on 3740, 7055, 14335, 18150, 21360 and 28940 kHz (+/-), as well as FM on A0-51 and S0-50 satellites. QSL via G10CN, direct only (P.O. Box 2, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 4AP, England, UK). [425 DX News]

20/01/2008: Carlos, CE6AMN/p will be active from the Punta Lutrin Lighthouse (ARLHS CHI-071) 0000 UTC continuous through 2359 UTC on January 20th. QRV 10-40m, using SSB/CW. QSL via home call. [ARLHS]

20/01/2008: Toze/CT1GFK, Manuel/CU1CB, Goncalo/CT1GPQ, Antonio/CU8AS and Hermann/HB9CRV will be active as CU8A and CU8/CT3FN between January 20-29th. Their QTH will be situated at Farol do Albarnaz (ARLHS AZO-016, TWLHD WLH CU-008, WLOTA LH-0947), Flores Island (EU-089, DIP AZ-008 for the Portuguese Islands Award). QRV CW/RTTY mostly on the low bands. QSL via CT1GFK, bureau is ok. [DXNL]

21/01/2008: Andrew, G7COD, will be QRV for the forth time from Embudu Island, South Male Atoll (WLOTA LH-3911), Maldiv Islands (AS-013) using the call 8Q7AK from January 21st to February 2nd. Using mainly SSB with a little CW, he will be operational every day from approximately 0900 to 1100, 1400 to 1600 and 1800 to 1830 UTC. Spot frequencies to be used are 7.093, 10.123, 14.147, 18.133, 21.253 and 24.953 MHz (+/- 10kHz). For complete details of operating times, spot frequencies, QSL information etc., please check 8Q7AK on QRZ.com. QSL via G7COD, direct or bureau. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

21/01/2008: Masumi, JA3AVO (FISTS #15029) and his friends will be on the air from VP5JM's 'Hamlet' located on Providenciales [aka Provo] Island (NA-002), Turks & Caicos Islands from January 21st to 25th. Activity will be on 10-160m, CW/SSB/RTTY/PSK. Masumi, JA3AVO will be QRV as VP5/W3AVO; JA1CJA will use VP5/AE6XY and JA3BZO will sign VP5/AE6YQ. QSLs via their home calls. [K1XN & Golist]

22/01/2008: Bill, W5SJ, will visit the island of Dominica (NA-101) from January 22-31st and hopes to get his favourite call sign J79SJ. He plans to participate in the CQWW 160m CW Contest (January 26-27th) and will work mostly CW on the WARC and lowbands outside of the contest. QSLs via W5FO. [DXNL]

23/01/2008: Ghis, ON5NT will be active from Monaco as 3A/ON5NT from January 23-27th. His activity will be mostly during his morning and evening hours. QSL via home call. [OPDX]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

26/01/2008: Toze/CT1GFK, Manuel/CU1CB, Goncalo/CT1GPQ, Antonio/CU8AS and Hermann/HB9CRV will be active as CU8A from Flores Island (EU-089, DIP AZ-008 for the Portuguese Islands Award, WLOTA LH-0947) in the Multi-Single category of the CQWW 160m CW Contest (January 26-27th). QSL via CT1GFK, bureau is ok. [DXNL]

26/01/2008: Look for Lars, DF1LON to be active as LX7I from Eschdorf, Luxembourg, during the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 26-27th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via LX2A (www.lx2a.com/). [NG3K]

26/01/2008: Look for Steve, VK6VZ to be active from western Australia (OC-001, WLOTA LH-1520) for the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 26-27th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via QRZ.com. [NG3K]

27/01/2008: Lars, MM0DWF will be active from Husvik (an old whaling station) located on South Georgia Island (AN-007) as VP8DIF from January 27th to February 28th. Activity will be on all bands, depending on his work schedule. QSL via DJ9ZB, direct or bureau. Further information can be found at: www.lars-boehme.de/vp8dif/index.html [RSGB IOTA]

31/01/2008: Antonio/CU8AS and Hermann/HB9CRV will be active as CU7T between January 31st and February 5th from Cedros at the north coast of Faial Island ((EU-175, DIP AZ-007, WLOTA LH-1830, ARLHS AZ0-020, TWLHD WLH CU-007). They will work in CW/RTTY/PSK31 using K2/100 radios, 500 watt amps and a HB9CV antenna. QSL via CT1GFK, direct or bureau. [DXNL]

09/02/2008: Valery, RD3AF will be QRV as EF8M from Las Palmas Gran Canaria (DIE S-005 for the Spanish Islands Award, WLOTA LH-0969) Canary Islands (AF-004) during the CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest (February 9-10th), as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via RX3DU. [NG3K]

09/02/2008: Operators Rick/KI1G, Pat/NG1G, Matt/WE1H, Carlos/WP4U and Bill/N1HRA will be QRV as NP3U from the island of Puerto Rico (NA-099, USi PR-006S, WLOTA LH-2802) during the CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest (February 9-10th), as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via WP4U, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

12/02/2008: Bill/N70U and Bob/W7YAQ will be operating from T32, Christmas Island (OC-024), Eastern Kiribati, from February 12-26th and will be a M/S entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest. They will be using 100w and verticals on 160-10m, mostly CW, but some SSB and RTTY. They will update you soon on their call signs and QSL info. Stay tuned! [F5NQL]

23/02/2008: Nick, G3RWF reports that he will be returning to Uganda between February 23rd and March 22nd. This will largely be a holiday style operation, using the call sign 5X1NH. QSL via home call. [NG3K]

01/03/2008: A group of six members of the Texas DX Society plan to operate from San Andr s Island (HK0, NA-033, WLOTA LH-2990), Colombia, from March 1-6th. This will include participation in the ARRL International DX Contest (March 1-2nd). The group will use two separate stations with beam and vertical antennas. After the contest, operators will use individual call signs on SSB, CW and digital modes on major HF bands. Call sign assignments are pending. Operators mentioned are Cal/WF5W, Paul/W5PF, Bill/K5WAF, Keith/NM5G, Chuck/W5PR, and Jim/N4AL. W5PF is the QSL Manager for all callsigns used. After the operation logs will be uploaded to LoTW. Further information can be found at: www.tdxs.net/hk0.html [OPDX & TDXS]

29/03/2008: Operators ZL2AL, ZL2ST, ZL2LF, ZL2FAR and ZL2QM will be active from the north island of New Zealand (OC-036, WLOTA LH-0069) during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via ZL2AL. [NG3K]

24/04/2008: Franck, F4DT0 along with his father Patrick, will be active from Elbassan, Central Albania, using the call sign ZA/F4DT0 between April 24th and May 4th. QRV 20, 17m and emphasis on 10m SSB, with FT-100 into a 1/2 wave vertical on 10m and dipole on the other bands. QSL only direct (bureau cards are not delivered to Frank). See address on QRZ.com. Please enclose SAE + postage (1\$ or 1 valid IRC for Europe, 2\$ or 1 valid IRC for elsewhere). [F5NQL]

24/05/2008: Valery, RD3AF will be QRV as EF8M from Las Palmas Gran Canaria (DIE S-005 for the Spanish Islands Award, WLOTA LH-0969) Canary Islands (AF-004) during the CQ WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th), as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via RX3DU. [NG3K]

18/06/2008: Jimmy, W6JKV will be operating on 6 metres only from Alaska as KL7/W6JKV between June 18-30th. Location is from a mountain top 30 miles NE of Fairbanks with outstanding view in all directions (Grid Loc. BP64). Altitude 2500 feet. Distance to London is 4200 miles, 4000 to Frankfurt, 4100 miles to Tokyo. Will have 800 watts and big antenna. QSL via home call. [F5NQL]

20/06/2008: Dennis, K7BV will be QRV as V3/K7BV from Caye Caulker Island (NA-073, WW Loc. EK57XR), Belize, from June 20-26th. This will be a 6 metre only DXpedition. He will use a FT-450 with ACOM-1000 amplifier, running 1KW into a 7 element and 3 element beam. The main frequency will be 50.106.2 MHz USB and /B. The pilot station will be Pat, W5OZI. QSL direct only to W1JJ (QRZ.com). Further information can be found at: www.qth.com/k7bv/caribe2008 [N80FS]

28/06/2008: Dennis, K7BV will be active as HK0/K7BV from San Andr?s Island (NA-033, WLOTA LH-2990, WW Loc EK92DM) between June 28th and July 6th. This will be a 6 metre only DXpedition. He will use a FT-450 with ACOM-1000 amplifier, running 1KW into a 7 element and 3 element beam. The main frequency will be 50.106.2 MHz USB and /B. The pilot station will be Pat, W50ZI. QSL direct only to W1JJ (QRZ.com). Further information can be found at: www.qth.com/k7bv/caribe2008 [N80FS]

Oct / 2008: Operators Markus/DJ7E0, Heye/DJ9RR, Chris/DL1MGB, Dietmar/DL3DXX, Tom/DL5LYM, Ben/DL6FBL, Dieter/DL80H and Joerg/DL8WPX plan to be QRV as VK9DWX from Willis Island (OC-007) in October 2008. QRV with four high power stations in CW/SSB/RTTY on 160m-10m for about 17 days. QSL route TBA. Further information and updates can be found at: willis2008.dl1mgb.com/ [DXNL]

25/10/2008: Look for Craig AH8DX to be active as FJ/AH8DX from St. Barthelemy Island (NA-146, DIFO FJ-001, WLOTA LH-0377) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th), as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. Craig will be active on RTTY before and after the contest. QSL via home call. [NG3K]

-- GIBRALTAR:

PRE-ANNOUNCE of the next ZB2-Trip: Frank ZB2/DH7FB & Bernd ZB2/DF2ZC back in Gibraltar (IM76HD) from 2008-05-29 until 2008-06-01. LATEST NEWS de Bernd, DF2ZC, dated 2007-01-13: Equipment will be TS2000, GS35 and/or 2xGU74b (at reduced output), MGF1302 and 2 x 2M9SSB (15 dBd altogether). We are happy having aquired UKW-Berichte as sponsor. [F5NQL]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

17/01/2008: Five special event callsigns will be aired January 17-27th for the European Handball Championship (www.ehf-euro.com/) that will take place in Norway: LM8EHC/1 (QSL via LA1B), LM8EHC/2 (QSL via LA2D), LM8EHC/3 (QSL via LA2L), LM8EHC/4 (QSL via LA8D) and LM8EHC/5 (QSL via LA2T). [425 DX News]

17/01/2008: Special event station A60ISG will be active January 17-24th for the third international gathering on "Scouting and Humanitarian Action" to be held in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. Look for activity on 80-10 metres SSB and CW, plus digital modes. According to Mohammad Darwish, A61M, this will be the first ever special event callsign from the UAE. QSL via IZ8CLM. [425 DX News]

18/01/2008: The Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club is celebrating its 50th birthday in January 2008. The original club was formed as the 'Blue Mountains Radio Club' in 1958, by the late Bill Moore after the disastrous bushfires that raged through the Blue Mountains in November and December of 1957. Bill held the callsign VK2HZ. By request, VK2HZ was adopted by the current Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club Inc after Bill became a silent key. It was 1974 when the club became 'The Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club'. The current club still has 3 members who were members of the original club. A special call sign to commemorate the 50 years has also been allocated by the ACMA. The call sign is VI2BMARC50 and will only be valid for 10 days from January 18th to January 28th 2008. A special QSL card will be available for all stations contacting VI2BMARC50. Further information can be found at: www.bmarc.org/ [Southgate ARC]

01/02/2008: Special event station 8J8SSF will be aired February 1-11th to celebrate the 60th Sapporo Snow Festival. The Sapporo Snow Festival (Sapporo Yuki Matsuri) is held during one week every February in Hokkaido's capital Sapporo. The festival is best known for the ice sculpture competition attracting artists from around the world, competing to create the largest and most elaborate artworks from ice and snow. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

15/02/2008: Look for Jean-Claude, F5IL to be active as TM5ICE (WAP-127) from February 15-29th, from his QTH in the Eure department/27 (Normandy). Mainly on digital modes, RTTY and PSK31. Active also in CW, for the DDFM award hunters, and a little SSB. QSL via F5IL, direct (SAE + Postage) or via the REF bureau. [F5NQL]

18/02/2008: Francois, F8DVD will be active February 18 to March 2nd from Macon, France, for the Antarctic Activity Week, using the special call TM8ANT (WAP-014). QRV on all HF bands, CW and SSB. QSL via F8DVD, direct (SAE + postage) or via the REF bureau. [F5NQL]

01/03/2008: Special event station 8N1MOMO will be aired from March 1st to April 5th to celebrate the Koga-city Momo (or Peach) Festival. Look for activity on all bands. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at:

www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

17/01-20/01 VK7AAP/3: Australia (Main) WLOTA:1520 QSL IK1PMR (d)

17/01-20/01 VK7CLA/3: Australia (Main) WLOTA:1520 QSL IK1PMR (d)

18/01-21/01 HL5YI/4: Sorok To WLOTA:1252 QSL H/C (d/b)

18/01-24/01 JW6RHA: Spitsbergen Island WLOTA:0125 QSL LA6RHA (d/b)

19/01-20/01 CE6AMN/P: Punta Lutrin ARLHS:CHI-071 QSL H/C (QRZ.com)

19/01-25/01 F5RMY/P: Porquerolles Island WLOTA:1107 QSL H/C (d/b)

20/01-29/01 CU8AS: Farol do Albarnaz ARLHS:AZO-016, WLH:CU-008, WLOTA:0947 QSL CT1GFK (d/b)

20/01-29/01 CU8/CT3FN: Farol do Albarnaz ARLHS:AZO-016, WLH:CU-008, WLOTA:0947 QSL CT1GFK (d/b)

21/01-02/02 8Q7AK: Male Atoll WLOTA:3911 QSL G7COD (d/b)

21/01-31/01 VK7AAP: Tasmania WLOTA:0068 QSL IK1PMR (d)

21/01-31/01 VK7CLA: Tasmania WLOTA:0068 QSL IK1PMR (d)

24/01-29/01 HR9/WQ7R: Isla de Roatan WLOTA:1671 QSL AI4U (d/b)

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Now it's mines on the air -

You have heard of windmills on the air and lighthouses on the air. Now DG2DCI is managing a project to put mining projects on the air.

The aim is to activate pits, shafts, scaffolding towers, dumps and refineries as well as mining schools, museums and memorials.

Further details can be obtained from Thomas Ifland by email (dg2dci at t-online.de). [GB2SM]

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Just to remember and ask you to bookmark your diary:

On June 2008, 14 & 15th, will happen the World Wide South America CW DX Contest sponsored by the Grupo Argentino de CW GACW.

<http://gacw.no-ip.org/menucontest.html>

We will remember you in time.

73 and see you in the contest.

Muchos saludos

Best regards

Alberto U. Stilva LU1DZ

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>From Felix, DL5XL (15-January-2008)

I just wanted to let you know that DP0GVN is still active. This summer may very well be the last chance to work the German Antarctic base "Neumayer II" (WAP DEU-02, AA DL-03) as the base is scheduled to close in February 2009, and there will be no radio amateur on the wintering team 2008.

The sea ice is unusually thick for this time of the year, so our supply vessel "Naja Arctica" which carries most of the construction material for the planned new station "Neumayer III" has still not been able to unload at the edge of the ice shelf. Part of our cargo has been pulled to the station over the sea ice, but we need direct access to the ship from the ice shelf to unload the heavy construction machinery. We are currently getting help from the German research vessel "Polarstern" which tries to break a navigation channel into the sea ice, so we are optimistic that unloading of the vessel and construction of the new station can commence soon. If you're interested in finding out how things are progressing, please check our status reports at <http://tinyurl.com/26dq8c>

Meanwhile, there are three operators at "Neumayer II" who are regularly active in their spare time as DP0GVN. Our main times of activity are daily between 1800 UTC and 2200 UTC, usually on 20m, 30m or 40m. Operators are Mirko (DG9BHQ), Torsten (DL1TOG), and myself (Felix, DL5XL). I prefer CW while the other two mainly work SSB. All three operators will have left the station by March 10, 2008. There are already approximately 2,000 contacts in the DP0GVN logbook of December 2007 and January 2008. The QSL route for all DP0GVN QSOs after 2006 is DL5EBE, direct or via the bureau. There is an online log check for all contacts of this summer season available at <http://www.rrdxa.eu/log> (just enter your call sign)!

Additionally, the QSOs will be uploaded to ARRL's Logbook of the World. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us at dp0gvn@darcd.de.

73 from Antarctica,

Felix, DL5XL (ex DP1POL), OP at DP0GVN

"Neumayer II" Station, Dronning Maud Land

WAP DEU-02, AA DL-03 (Sector 6)

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ARCTIC CHALLENGE -

1-Last Arctic bases list updated at:

f6kdf.ath.cx/f5nod/arcticchallenge/bases.htm

New bases are:

Stolbovoy cape station, Yuzhny island EU-035

Sanikova station, Kotelny island AS-028

Zemlja Bungest station, Kotelny island AS-028

Kigilyakh Cape station, Bol'shoy Lyakhovkij island AS-029

Malyy Taymir station, Malyy Taymir island AS-042

Johova statio, Johov island AS-048

Pravdy island station, Pravdy island AS-104

2-Arctic challenge scores will be online in a few days, if you plan to take part, please send me your list by email soon as you can.

73 Mehdi F5PFP.

Arctic & Antarctic Challenge: f6kdf.ath.cx/f5nod [F5NQL]

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>From Adam, VP8DKF:

The logs for the Dec 2007 - Jan 2008 operation of KC4AAA by Helmuth W6KDX have been received.

All stations wishing to confirm a QSO or submit an SWL signal, via Larry K1IED (QRZ.com.)

All QSOs will shortly be uploaded to LOTW as well.

73, Adam VP8DKF - KC4/K2ARB [F5NQL]

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Hiram Percy Maxim II Passes Away at 72

The grandson of ARRL co-founder Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW, died at home in Lyme, Connecticut on Saturday, January 12 after a lengthy battle with prostate cancer. Hiram Percy Maxim II -- called HPM just like his grandfather -- was 72.

Not a ham, Maxim told the Newington Amateur Radio League at an October 2002 meeting that he doesn't feel he shares the inventive talents of his grandfather and great-grandfather, who held many patents between them; Maxim's great-grandfather invented the machine gun.

He told the club audience that his grandfather took on radio and filmmaking as diversions from inventing -- an endeavor he considered extremely hard work. He also thought of Amateur Radio as a means to "bring together" individuals from distant locations and believed that communication was a key to better understanding other people and cultures.

The elder Maxim -- often referred to as "The Old Man," or "TOM" -- was an amateur film buff, and a highlight of his grandson's 2002 presentation was a short 16 mm film that showed the elder Maxim and some of his friends working, relaxing and frolicking on the grounds of the family's summer home in Lyme, Connecticut, where HPM II lived until his death.

His son, Merritt Maxim, told the ARRL, "Even though he didn't have an Amateur Radio license, he was aware of the importance of his family's role in founding the League. Through his father, my grandfather -- an active engineer -- he continued to maintain an interest in all things mechanical."

A memorial service will be held at the Lyme Public Hall at 11 AM on Monday, January 21. Burial will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lyme Public Hall Association, 249 Hamburg Rd, Lyme, CT 06371. [ARRL]

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Journal de J5C:

January 2008 17th

This morning at 1009 utc, 30,123 QSO are logged.

All is fine. No problem about the gear to be pointed out.

Some said us that however, it will be something out with one of our low band station, and concerning the K9AY ant commutation relay .

This problem truncates the first dot of our CW transmissions.

We are looking for to repair.

The conditions are better that we hoped on the lower bands, and without any real surprise on 10/12 and 15m.

The path to ZL, VK, JA, NA West Coast is very difficult now and if the Kp is over 2, the QSO?s are quite impossible to do.

The long path opennings to these countries are sure, but the windows are very sharp, from some minutes to half an hour, so we ask the other to be patient when we are calling them.

DIGIMODES:

On January 19th, beginning of the PSK31 and 63 transmissions, with a complete night on 30/PSK on next week-end.

SSTV will be scheduled, by lists on Sunday. Information to be given.

4 stations high power are running 24/24. When 10 an 12m are open, the Backup Flex station (barefoot) is used as a 5th one on 20m.

The log book had been put online as follow:

Digimodes >> 16/01/08 0956z === CW/SSB >> 16/01/08 1009z

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J5C team

Maurice, F5NQL, Communications Internet pour J5C.

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73 and Good DX!

Dave Raycroft - VA3RJ

Home of ICPO: <http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/>

Contest Calendar - DX Calendar - Lighthouse Activations

Join ICPO e-Group: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/icpo_mail.html

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Canadian Checkpoint For:

All Croatian Islands Award - ACIA

All Croatian Islands Award Group - ACIAG

The World Light House Diplom - TWLHD

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